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**Former Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Has Inside  
Track for Appointment as U.S. Envoy to Vatican**

WASHINGTON — President Johnson is virtually set to name an envoy to the Vatican.

While this backstage decision is far advanced, still under deliberation is whether to designate an ambassador or a somewhat lesser diplomatically ranking "U.S. representative."

Foremost among the possible appointees is former Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

A Republican and Protestant, with extensive experience as ambassador to the United Nations and South Viet Nam, the 1960 vice presidential candidate is deemed especially qualified for this important mission.

Among others under consideration are Ambassador-at-large Averell Harriman and former Central Intelligence Director John McCone.

**BEFORE COUNCIL**

Congressional authorities understand this appointment will most likely be made before the convening of the next Ecumenical Council in the fall. Secretary Rusk is credited as strongly favoring that, to enable the administration to keep fully apprized of the far-reaching procedural and other changes expected to be acted on at this historic session.

Last "U.S. representative" at the Holy See was Myron Taylor.

Named by President Roosevelt, the one-time leading industrialist continued in this post in the Truman administration. When Taylor retired, Truman sought to replace him with Gen. Mark Clark, who commanded U.S. forces in Italy, with the rank of ambassador.

**TRIGGERED DEBATE**

That triggered a stormy controversy in and out of Congress. Truman finally withdrew Clark's name. Since then, no President had attempted to re-establish a diplomatic mission at the Vatican, although this was favored in many quarters.

At the Second Ecumenical Council last year, Willard Matthias, of the CIA's influential Board of National Estimates, attended in the role of "observer."

In congressional circles, the CIA is also said to have been active in the so-called "opening-to-the-left" movement that led to veteran Socialist leader Pietro Nenni becoming Deputy Premier in the present Italian government.

According to these congressional sources, the CIA spent millions of dollars in this covert operation.

Several weeks ago, Pope Paul VI granted an audience to Nenni — the first Italian Socialist leader to receive this distinction.

**HE'S BEHIND IT**

The Communist Party definitely had an important hand in that so-called students' march on Washington last Saturday to demonstrate against U.S. policy in Viet Nam.

As far back as March 8, the C.P. National Organization Department sent a letter to all district officials directing vigorous support of this then-secret project.

Also that month, the national headquarters of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs, the party's youth organization, dispatched a directive to its branches throughout the country calling for their full backing.

This communication offered to supply "pamphlets, petitions, leaflets and posters" with no indication of their source. Said the letter:

"In an effort to rally the broadest and most unified popular support for protest, the National Office has prepared for distribution pamphlets, petitions, leaflets and posters. The club name does not appear on some of them because they are designed for use by anyone who will use them. There will be a cost for this massive effort...."

**POLICY DISPUTE**

This significant leftist communication also stated:

"For the first time in many years there is actually a debate raging in the country over our foreign policy in the Far East... Significant voices in labor, religion and government have spoken out against our present policy.... If carried forward, stepped up and coordinated, this could be a most healthy development in American politics...."

"We are of the firm opinion that at this moment it is possible to mobilize massive support for a movement to bring peace to Viet Nam... We therefore call upon all chapters, members and friends of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America to join with all groups and individuals in a stepped-up campaign to end the war in Viet Nam."

**BIG DEAL**

The Communist Party's directive to district leaders declared:

"This event (march on Washington) is shaping up as the biggest single act calling for an end to the war in Viet Nam.... The Women's Strike for Peace and other adult as well as youth groups have endorsed it and are making an all-out mobilization of people to produce thousands in Washington on April 17 from the Midwest, East and from the West Coast."

The Students for a Democratic Society, announced sponsor of the march, is a successor to the Inter-collegiate Socialist Society organized in 1905. SDC claims a membership of some 1,500 with chapters on 41 college campuses.

Its constitution describes it as consisting of "liberals and radicals, activists and scholars, student and faculty, united to work toward a society in which the people have control of the decisions that affect them and the resources on which they are dependent."

Also according to the constitution, membership is barred to "advocates or apologists for totalitarian principles."

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